



U.S. Immigration  
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# News Release

## **ICE arrests 41 illegal aliens working at America's Fair in Hamburg, NY**

*-- Aliens were working as cleaners at the Erie County Fair facility --*

HAMBURG, NY -- Special Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement have arrested 41 illegal aliens that were found working at America's Fair in Hamburg, NY. The investigation started after agents received a credible tip from a member of the public late Wednesday evening. This morning the agents determined that the aliens were working for a cleaning company that is a sub contractor at the fair grounds and made the arrests.

All of the individuals are currently being processed and will be served with notices to appear in immigration court to answer charges that they are in the country and working illegally. The 41 individuals include 18 women and are from four different countries, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, and Honduras. Currently all of the aliens are being detained.

Thomas A. DiSimone, acting special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Buffalo said, "One of the cornerstones of Homeland Security's interior enforcement strategy is to aggressively deter illegal employment in this country. ICE does that by arresting illegal workers and by pursuing criminal charges against those who knowingly hire unauthorized workers. In this case we reacted rapidly to a excellent tip from a concerned member of the public."

ICE agents will continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding how the individuals got into the country, where they procured their fraudulent documents and whether company officials were aware that the individuals were not authorized to work.

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*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.*